

THE 321ST INFANTRY

First Battalion.

The First Battalion advanced with Companies B and A, from left to right, in assault, Companies C and D, from left to right, in support. Company B left the trenches a minute or two before Company A, the right element guiding on an east and west line, which would have placed the head of the battalion on the Grimaucourt-Hermeville road east of the turn at 4110.6645. The left extended approximately 500 meters north. The support companies, in line of combat groups, followed the assault companies at a distance of 500 yards. One platoon of Company A, 317th Machine Gun Battalion, accompanied each of the assaulting companies. Each support company sent forward to its assault company two squads of cleaners-up and one squad of machine gun ammunition carriers. The Third Platoon of the machine gun company and the 37 mm. gun were held in reserve near battalion P. C. A First Aid Station was established at 400.667.

Directly after the companies went forward the battalion P. C. was moved into the Tranchee de Reseau at 403.666, and remained there throughout the rest of the action. It was at all times in telephonic communication with regimental P. C.

The companies advanced with excellent lateral and forward liaison through the dense fog,